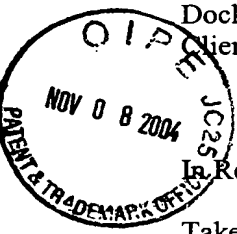


IPW



Docket Number: 008312-0305236  
Client Reference: T7MK-02S1539-1

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of

Takeshi IWASAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1772

Application No.: 10/626,837

Examiner: UNKNOWN

Filed: July 25, 2003

Confirmation No.: 9253

For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC  
RECORDING/REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Patent Application  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

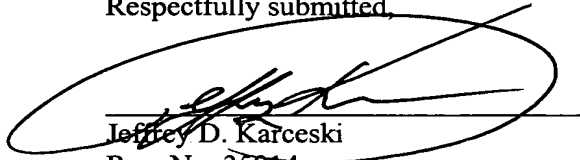
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application in the attached Japanese Communication (Office Action) dated September 14, 2004, i.e. not more than three months ago. An English language version of the office action is attached for the Examiner's information, as well as English language abstracts for the Japanese references, all of which are relied upon for statements of relevance for the non-English references.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey D. Karceski  
Reg. No. 35914  
Telephone: (703) 905-2110

Date: November 8, 2004

PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP  
P.O. Box 10500  
McLean, VA 22102  
Telephone: (703) 905-2000  
Facsimile: (703) 905-2500



Atty. Dkt. No.	M#	Client Ref.
	0305236	T7MK-02S1539-1

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
 BY APPLICANT**

Applicant: IWASAKI et al.	
Appln. No.: 10/626,837	
Filing Date: July 25, 2003	
Examiner: UNKNOWN	Group Art Unit: 1772

Date: November 8, 2004 Page 1 of 1

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner's Initials*	Document Number	Date MM/YYYY	Name (Family Name of First Inventor)	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AR					
	BR					
	CR					
	DR					
	ER					
	FR					
	GR					
	HR					
	IR					
	JR					
	KR					
	LR					
	MR					
	NR					

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		Document Number	Date MM/YYYY	Country	Inventor Name	English Abstract		Translation Readily Available	
						Enclosed	No	Enclose	No
	OR	9-91660	04/1997	Japan	FUTAMOTO et al.	x			
	PR	2000-67401	03/2000	Japan	SHIROISHI	x			
	QR								
	RR								
	SR								
	TR								
	UR								
	VR								
	WR								
	XR								

**OTHER (Including in this order Author, Title, Periodical Name, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

YR	Japanese Office Action for Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-216595, dated September 14, 2004.			
ZR				
AAR				
BBR				
CCR				

Examiner Date Considered:

\*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.